

A RESOLUTION HONORING CONNIE VAN FLEET

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member, friend colleague, and leader with the death of Connie Van Fleet who died on February 5, 2013 after a struggle with cancer;

Whereas she graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Journalism, from Louisiana State University with a Masters of Library and Information Science, and from Indiana University with a PhD in Library and Information Science;

Whereas Connie worked for the New Orleans Public Library, and served as a faculty member preparing future librarians at Louisiana State University, Kent State University, and the University of Oklahoma;

Whereas Connie was a tireless advocate on behalf of library services for older adults and people with disabilities, public libraries and library education, authoring multiple books and numerous of articles in support of these causes during her career;

Whereas Connie served as a leader in library and information science, serving as president of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and an active member of the Reference and User Services Association within the American Library Association and serving as the co-chair of the *RQ* Editorial Advisory Board (1991–1997), co-chair of the *Reference & User Services Association Quarterly* Editorial Board (2000–2006) as well as numerous other committees within ALA, the Louisiana Library Association, and the Oklahoma Library Association;

Whereas Connie received many awards for her exceptional contributions to librarianship, including the ALISE Service Award and the ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence, making her the only individual to receive both awards. She also received the American Library Association/Reference & User Services Association Margaret E. Monroe Library Adult Services Award and was named the LSU School of Library and Information Studies Outstanding Alumna in 2001; and

Whereas Connie was much loved and respected by her family, friends, colleagues and many students who had the good fortune of working with her: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. honors the memory and significant contributions of Connie Van Fleet.
2. expresses its sincerest condolences to her husband and fellow library educator, Dr. Danny Wallace and her family and friends; and

Moved by Richard Paustenbaugh, Oklahoma Chapter Councilor, 405-624-0106
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richard.paustenbaugh@okstate.edu 1. Title of Resolution: A RESOLUTUION HONORING

CONNIE VAN FLEET 2. ALA Units and/or Committees Consulted (if any): None 3.

Endorsements by ALA Units and/or Committees (if any): None 4. Fiscal

implications: None 5. List all parties to whom resolution should be sent:

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6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions: None

6a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: None

6b) Change in existing policy: None

6c) New policy: None

6d) Policy conflicts: None

7. Initiating Committee or Unit (if any): None 8. Pertinent Background

Information: Connie was an active member of ALA who also served as the Council
rep from Oklahoma.

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